

Warning for the Town Meeting March 4, 2019 and March 5, 2019

Moderator Bill LeQuier called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Bill reminded everyone that the meeting would be kept orderly, no one would speak out of turn, and only registered voters were allowed to speak unless approved.

Bill read the warning & warrant in its entirety at which time Rep. Laura Sabilia arrived. Bill asked if there were any objections to Laura speaking, hearing none, he turned the floor over to Laura.

Laura provided the voters a brief overview of what she's been doing this session. Laura also stressed that if Readsboro residents are not getting their phones repaired by Consolidated in a timely manner to contact her with your name, number and what Consolidated told them.

ARTICLE 1: To hear the report of the Town officers and act thereon.

David Marchegiani started by thanking Helyn Strom Henriksen for her 6 years of service to the Town.

Helyn asked everyone to take and fill out an emergency form located on the table in the back so Emergency Services had a record of those that needed help in emergency.

The Board addressed articles 4-8 stating they were using fund balance monies to fund those articles. The Board also noted that there were errors in the report of duplicate information from the 2017 Town Report.

Raymond Eilers made a motion to accept the report. Sue Bailey seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE 2: (BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT) to elect all officers required by law to be elected at said March 5, 2019 Town meeting.

See results at end of minutes

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to pay the County tax from the General Fund this year.

Sue Bailey made a motion to pay the County Tax from the General Fund, John Whitman seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$30,000 or any other sum from the FY18 fund balance to the Grant Matching Reserve Fund?

There was brief discussion on the funding of the account. The Board stated \$121,000 was already allocated for the Sidewalk project and \$15,000 for a Broadband feasibility study and cannot seek any further grants without matching funds.

Sue Bailey made a motion to transfer \$30,000 from the FY18 fund balance to the Grant Matching Reserve Fund, John Whitman seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40,000 or any other sum from the FY18 fund balance to the Gravel Fund?

At Mary King's request the Board discussed why they wanted to transfer \$40,000 into the Gravel fund.

Karen Boisvert made a motion to transfer \$40,000 from the FY18 fund balance into the Gravel Fund, Ned Fossbender seconded. So voted

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 or any other sum from the FY18 fund balance to the Machinery Sinking Fund?

Board was again asked to justify the amount of the article. The Board explained they purchased a Backhoe and now need to pay for it and put money aside for future purchases. The Board was also asked to explain the high expenditures in the repair lines on two of the new trucks.

Karen Boisvert made a motion to transfer \$50,000 from the FY18 fund balance to the Machinery Sinking Fund, Robert Sanderson seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 or any other sum from the FY18 fund balance to the Fire Equipment Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund?

John Whitman questioned why there were similar articles for the fire department. The Board stated that the Selectboard has standard articles they put on the warrant every year, and others are petitioned articles by the people.

Billy Wheeler made a motion to transfer \$20,000 from FY18 to the Fire Equipment Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund, Chris Clark seconded. So voted

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 or any other sum from the FY18 fund balance to the Town Owned Building or Demolition Reserve Fund for future repair and/or replacement of Town Owned Buildings?

There was a brief discussion on the amount of money in the fund and the use for the fund.

Al Scaia made a motion to transfer \$50,000 from the FY18 fund balance to the Town Owned Building or Demolition Fund. Robert Sanderson seconded. So voted

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$851,858 or any other sum to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Readsboro for the Fiscal Year 2020?

Karen Boisvert made motion to raise and appropriate \$851,858 to meet the expenses and liabilities from FY20. John Whitman seconded. So voted

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$30,000 or any other sum for the Grant Matching Reserve Fund?

Forrest Hick made a motion to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the Grant Matching Reserve Fund, Sue Bailey seconded. So voted

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to build new Town Municipal Buildings, Town share not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Much discussion took place regarding next steps on the article if voted affirmatively. The Board stated they needed approval to move forward and begin to solidify funding and designs.

Raymond Eilers made a motion to build new Town Municipal Buildings not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the Towns share, Bruce Lescarbeau seconded. So voted

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 or any other sum for the Town Owned Building or Demolition Reserve Fund for future repair and/ or replacement of Town Owned Buildings.

Karen Boisvert made a motion to raise and appropriate \$100,000 for the Town Owned Building or Demolition Reserve Fund. Rodney Eilers Seconded. So voted

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 or any other sum for the Fire Equipment Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund.

Again there was discussion on the similarity of the fire department articles and there were questions on why the fire department was paying for the grant fees for the truck and SCBA out of their budget when there is a grant matching reserve fund.

Chris Clark made a motion to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for the Fire Equipment Repair and Replacement Reserve fund. Bart Howes seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE 14: (BY PETITION) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 or any other sum for the support of the Cemetery Commission Reserve Fund? This request is for the continuation of the gravestone restoration work and Village Cemetery Gate Fund.

Raymond Eilers asked if the gates would be done this year before stone restoration to ensure there was enough money for the gates. Forrest Hicks stated they would like to do the projects in tandem.

John Whitman made a motion to raise and appropriate \$17,000 for the Cemetery Commission Reserve Fund. Bruce Lescarbeau seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE 15: (BY PETITION) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to Wings Community Programs to assist with the cost of providing after-school and summer programming for the children of the Town of Readsboro.

Al Scaia made a motion to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the WINGS Community Programs, Mary King seconded. So voted

ARTICLE 16: (BY PETITION) Shall the registered voters of the Town of Readsboro vote to establish a “New Fire Truck Replacement Reserve Fund”?

David Marchegiani made a motion to passover articles 16, 17, and 18, Sue Bailey seconded.

So voted

ARTICLE 17: (BY PETITION) Shall the registered voters of the Town of Readsboro approve the transfer of \$119,269.81 or any other sum from the Fire Equipment Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund to the “New Fire Truck Replacement Reserve Fund”?

Passed over

ARTICLE 18: (BY PETITION) Shall the registered voters of the Town of Readsboro vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$50,000 or any sum from July,1 2019 to June 30, 2020 to the New Fire Truck Replacement Reserve Fund?

Passed over

ARTICLE 19: (BY PETITION) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to match grant funds that promote multi-town economic development and tourism through the research, placement, and construction of historical markers and kiosks to be linked to a self-guided historical trail along Route 100.

James Dassatti on behalf of the Living History Association stated in response to questions that there would be 2-5 sites in Readsboro and that all fund appreciated in Readsboro would stay in Readsboro.

Joel Hicks made a motion to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the construction of kiosks for a self-guided historical tour along Route 100. Tiger Waterman seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE 20: ADVISORY VOTE, Shall the Town allow Off Highway Recreational Vehicles (OHRV) use on Town Highways.

Mike Cole read an overview of what the OHRV group the Jack Pine Pirates are hoping to put into place with the creation of an ordinance to regulate the use of OHRVs on Town Highways. It was also noted by Larry Hopkins that this vote has no bearing on whether the final ordinance gets approved as it still has to hang for the statutory time frame and voters can petition against it at that point.

Bruce Lescarbeau made a motion to allow OHRVs to use Town Highways, Vince Guest seconded. So voted.

ARTICLE 21: To transact any other business that legally comes before the meeting.

Al Scaia again thanked Helyn Strom Henriksen for her years of service and all she has contributed to the Town.

Upon hearing no other business Moderator Bill LeQuier asked for a motion to adjourn.

Karen Boisvert made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Mike Cole seconded. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber J Holland

Town Clerk

Readsboro Town Elections March 5, 2019

	Packet 1	Packet 2	Packet 3	Packet 4	Packet 5	Packet 6	
Selectboard 3 Years							
Ray Eilers	23	24	18	19	22	17	123
Carl Marchegiani			1				1
Helyn Strom Henriksen			1	1		1	3
Rodney Eilers			1				1
Joel Paszko				2			2
Joe Berard					1		1
Ted Hopkins						1	
Mike Cole						1	
							0
							0
							0
							0
Blank	2	1	4	3	2	5	17
Spoiled							0
Total	25	25	25	25	25	25	148
Selectboard 1 Years							
Joseph Berard	19	18	18	18	16	19	108
Carl Marchegiani	2	6	5	3	8	5	29
Joel Paszko	3	1	1	2		1	8
							0
							0
							0
							0
							0
							0
							0
Blank	1		1	2	1		5
Spoiled							0
Total	25	25	25	25	25	25	150
Trustee of Public Library - 5 Year							
Joan O'Donnell	22	19	21	23	22	19	126
Cindi Candiloro	1						1
Forrest Hicks		1					1
Charlene Candiloro					1		1
Rhonda Smith						1	1
							0
							0
Blank	2	5	4	2	2	5	20
Spoiled							0
Total	25	25	25	25	25	25	150
Trustee of Public Library - 1 year							
Charlene Candiloro	23	20	21	23	22	20	129
							0
							0
Blank	2	5	4	2	3	5	21
Spoiled							0
Total	25	25	25	25	25	25	150
Town Agent							
Ted Hopkins	2		2	1	3	4	12
Karen Boisvert	1						1
Tom Deblois	1		1				2
Alfred Scaia	1						1
Teddy	1						1
Richard Codogni		1					1
Joel Paszki					1		1
Bill Lequier					1		1
Mitch Holland					1		1
Inger Strom Henriksen				2			2
Bill Lequier				3			3
Tom Denter				1			1
John Bolner						1	
							0
Blank	19	24	22	18	19	20	122
Spoiled							0
Total	25	25	25	25	25	25	149
Grand Juror							
Ted Hopkins	1		1	1	2	4	9
Larry Hopkins	1	1	1				3
Alfred Scaia	1						1
Robert Tool	1						1

Southwest Reg. Tech School Election March 5, 2019

	Packet 1	Packet 2	Packet 3	Total
ARTICLE A School Board (Vote for 4)				
Art Haytko	27	34		61
Leon Johnson	30	37		67
Francis Kinney	31	36		67
Kenneth A Swierad	28	30		58
				0
				0
				0
Blank	184	163		347
Spoiled				0
				0
Total	300	300	0	600
ARTICLE B School Board (Vote for 1)				
Mike Munson	37	46		83
				0
				0
				0
				0
				0
Blank	38	29		67
Spoiled				0
				0
Total	75	75	0	150
ARTICLE C Moderator (Vote for 1)				
Joseph H Hall	39	47		86
				0
				0
				0
				0
				0
Blank	36	28		64
Spoiled				0
				0
Total	75	75	0	150
ARTICLE D Treasurer (Vote for 1)				
Ellen Strohmaier	41	47		88
				0
				0
				0
				0
				0
Blank	34	28		62
Spoiled				0
				0
Total	75	75	0	150
ARTICLE E Clerk (Vote for 1)				
Cassandra Barbeau	39	46		85
				0
				0
				0
				0
				0
Blank	36	29		65
Spoiled				0
				0
Total	75	75	0	150
ARTICLE F Budget				
Yes	34	39		73
No	40	22		62
				0
Blank	1	14		15
Spoiled				0
				0
Total	75	75	0	150
ARTICLE G Reserve Fund				
Yes	31	39		70
No	40	20		60
				0
Blank	4	16		20
Spoiled				0
				0
Total	75	75	0	150